REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,342,952 (*Chan*) states that "the color data for the desired color is input into the computer 4, which transmits the data to a second computer 10" (*Chan*, Col. 2, lines 55-57). However, it is respectfully submitted that receiving a <u>desired</u> color does not teach or even remotely suggest: receiving or acquiring data relating to an <u>actual</u> color printed by a printer (claim 1). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over *Chan* for at least this reason.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that *Chan* does not teach or even remotely suggest: color matching information that can be used to convert color data to prescribed standard colors (claim 1). In the Office Action, the Examiner has asserted that the software package C22 teaches this feature (Office Action, page 3). Contrary to the examiner's assertion, it is respectfully submitted that the software package C22 includes a database of color information for an ink base color set used to <u>manufacture ink</u> (*Chan,* Col 3, lines 55-57). It should also be noted that the software package C22 does not generate color matching information <u>based</u> on data relating to <u>actual colors</u> printed by a printer. To the contrary, "Software package C22 uses database information [for the ink base color set used to manufacture ink] to select an ink formulation that will produce a printed ink ..." (*Chan,* Col. 3, lines 57-59). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that *Chan* does not teach or even remotely suggest: color matching information that can be used to convert color data into prescribed standard colors.

Still further, it is respectfully submitted that the other claims recite additional features that render them patentable over *Chan* for additional reasons. For example, claim 7 recites: color matching information <u>based on the lightness data of the colorimetry image for each of printing colorants and the lightness data of standard colors corresponding to the printing colorants</u>. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, it is respectfully submitted that obtaining "spectral data of a color sample of the desired color" (Col. 2, lines 55-57) does not teach or suggest this feature.

As another example, claim 10 recites: color matching information is a <u>tone value correction table</u> which makes the tone value of the color data converted from print data correspond to the tone value for color reproduction to match the standard color with

printing colorants corresponding to the color data. It is respectfully submitted that Chan does not teach or suggest this feature.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that claims are patentably distinct over the cited art of record. Additional limitations recited in the independent claims or the dependent claims are not further discussed because the limitations discussed above are sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. YOKOP001). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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